

Bureau of Land Management, Interior

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non-mineral disposition of lands. Where such extraction conflicts with other disposition, the lands shall be deemed chiefly valuable for sodium, sulphur or potassium extraction if the economic value of the lands for extraction of such minerals exceeds its economic value for any non-mineral disposition.

(k) *Act* means the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended and supplemented (30 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*).

(l) *Service* means the Minerals Management Service.

(m) *Bureau* means the Bureau of Land Management.

(n) *Hardrock minerals* means those locatable minerals for which a mineral patent may be obtained under the Mining Law of 1872 and which are not leasable minerals as defined in paragraph (h) of this section and oil, gas, coal and oil shale or mineral materials disposable under Group 3600 of this title. Hardrock minerals include, but are not limited to, copper, lead, zinc, magnesium, nickel, tungsten, gold, silver, bentonite, uranium, barite, feldspar and fluorspar.

§ 3500.1 Nondiscrimination.

Any person acquiring a lease under Group 3500 shall comply fully with the equal opportunity provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, as amended, and the regulations and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor (41 CFR Chapter 60) and 43 CFR part 17.

§ 3500.2 False statements.

Under the provisions of 18 U.S.C. 1001, it is a crime punishable by 5 years imprisonment or a fine of up to \$10,000, or both, for anyone knowingly and willfully to submit or cause to be submitted to any agency of the United States any false or fraudulent statement(s) as to any matter within the agency's jurisdiction.

§ 3500.3 Unlawful interests.

No member of, or delegate to, Congress, or Resident Commissioner, and no employee of the Department of the Interior, except as provided in part 20 of this title, shall be entitled to acquire or hold any Federal lease, or interest therein. (Officer, agent or em-

ployee of the Department—See 43 CFR part 20; Member of Congress—See R.S. 3741; 41 U.S.C. 22; 18 U.S.C. 431-433)

§ 3500.4 Appeals.

Any party adversely affected by a decision of the authorized officer made pursuant to the provisions of Group 3500 of this title shall have a right of appeal pursuant to part 4 of this title.

§ 3500.5 Document submission and availability.

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EFFECTIVE DATE NOTE: At 63 FR 52953, Oct. 1, 1998, § 3500.5 was revised, effective Nov. 2, 1998. For the convenience of the user, the superseded text is set forth as follows:

§ 3500.5 Filing of documents.

(a) All necessary documents shall be filed in the proper BLM office. A document shall be considered filed when it is received in the proper BLM office.

(b) All information which is submitted to the Bureau under the regulations in this group shall be available to the public unless exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552), or unless otherwise provided in this group.

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§ 3500.5-2 Public availability of information.

(a) All data and information concerning Federal and Indian minerals submitted under this part 3500 and parts 3510, 3520, 3530, 3540, 3550, 3560, 3570, 3580, and 3590 of this chapter are subject to part 2 of this title, except as provided in paragraph (c) of this section. Part 2 of this title includes the regulations of the Department of the Interior covering the public disclosure of data and information contained in Department of the Interior records. Certain mineral information not protected from public disclosure under part 2 of this title may be made available for inspection